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### Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular reference
X	1-3 at least	GB 331307 A (BRYCE) See figs. 1-4 noting non circular junction having a lid and earthing/connector block 5 disposed within.
X	1-3 at least	GB 291201 A (CALLENDER'S) See figs. 1-3 noting junction box having a lid and a tube within its internal volume provided as an earthing connection.
X	1-3 at least	US 5541363 A (THERMOCRAFT) See fig. 9, noting elongate junction having apertures for receiving conduit sections and channelled bonding/earthing block 134 disposed within junction volume.
X	1-3 at least	FR 2753846 A (APP MAT) See fig. 1 and WPI Abstract Accession no. 1998-209634 [19], noting junction box 11 having cover 12 and a body volume defined between connector portions. An earthing block is provided within the body volume.
A	-	US 5169013 A (CONDULET) See all figs, noting long junction box for joining conduits having a volume defined between connecting portions and a cover for access aperture.

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